

**THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI NATHU RAM MIRDHA):** (a) and (b). Presently, only wheat, paddy millets, oilseeds and pulses are covered under the Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme (CCIS). Since the Central and State Government are incurring losses in running the scheme even in respect of the crops presently covered under the scheme it is not proposed to cover fruit and vegetable crops under the CCIS for time being. Besides, the idea of the Government is to gain some more experience in respect of the crops presently covered under the Scheme

(c) It is for the State Governments to take necessary preventive measures to minimise the impact of natural calamities on the cultivators for all types of crops including fruits and vegetables. Prior to 31 March, 1990, Central assistance was extended in the form of 'agricultural inputs subsidy' for all types of crops including fruits and vegetables at Rs.200/- per ha. for small and marginal farmers whose crops were damaged more than 50%. However, from 1-4-1990 onwards, such assistance is to be provided directly by the State Governments through Calamity Relief Funds required to be set up with an allocated amount.

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#### **Crops Included Under Technology Mission**

6680. SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of crops for which Technology Mission has been set up;

(b) whether there is any proposal to extend it to coconut; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR):** (a) to (c). The Technology Mission on Oilseeds (TMO) was set up by the Govt. of India in 1986 to accelerate self-reliance in edible oils. The immediate objective was to produce 16.5 million tonnes of oilseeds by the end of 1989-90 so as to cut down edible oils import by half.

The Mission seeks to increase the production of annual oilseed crops viz groundnut, rapeseed/mustard, castor, sesamum, linseed, niger, safflower, sunflower and soybean and also plantation crops such as coconut and oil palm. Exploitation of tissue culture techniques in coconut and oil palm has been included in the activities of Minis Mission-I which addresses itself to the improvement of crop production technology and large scale propagation of high yielding plant materials.

#### **Organisations for Fishermen's Welfare**

6681. SHRI M.M. PALLAM RAJU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated number of fishermen families in the country and their average annual family income;

(b) the names of national organisations that have been formed to study the fishermen's problem and contribute to their welfare; and

(c) the specific responsibility of each such organisation?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR):**

(a) The information is being collected and